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7 Geo. III. Public Acts, c. 18

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*An Act to enable the Trustees of
the British Museum to ex-
change, sell, or dispose of, any
Duplicates of printed Books,
Medals, Coins, or other Cu-
riosities; and for laying out*
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*the Money arising by such Sale,
in the Purchase of other Things
—that may be wanting in, or
proper for, the said Museum.*

Preamble. **W**Hereas by an Act of Par-
liament passed in the Twenty-
sixth Year of the Reign of his
late Majesty King George the
Second, intituled, *An Act for
the Purchase of the Museum, or
Collection of Sir Hans Sloane,
and of the Harleian Collection of
Manuscripts; and for better pro-
viding One General Repository
for the better Reception, and more
convenient Use, of the said Col-
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enacted, that within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, One General Repository should be erected or provided in such convenient Place, and in such Manner, as the Trustees thereby appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, should direct, for the Reception not only of the said Museum, or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, but also of the *Cottonian* Library, and of the Additions which had been or should be made thereto, by virtue of the last Will and Testament of *Arthur Edwards*, Esquire, in the said Act named, and likewise of the said *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts, and of such other Additions to the

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said *Cottonian* Library as, with
 the Approbation of the Trustees
 by the said Act appointed, or
 the major Part of them, at a Ge-
 neral Meeting assembled, should
 be made thereunto, in Manner
 therein after mentioned; and of
 such other Collections and Li-
 braries as, with the like Appro-
 bation, should be admitted into
 the said General Repository; and
 that the said several Collections,
 Additions, and Library, so re-
 ceived into the said General Re-
 pository, should remain and be
 preserved therein, for publick
 Use, to all Posterity: And where-
 as the said Collections have been
 greatly increased by considerable
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the Gifts of several Noblemen and others; and it is probable that great Additions will hereafter be made thereto: And whereas there are now, and there may hereafter be, in the various Departments of the *British* Museum, many Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, and other Curiosities, which it would be proper to dispose of, in order to make Room for others: May it therefore please Your most Excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present parliament

Five or more Trustees are impowered to order any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, &c. to be exchanged for Manuscripts &c.

or to be sold; and the Money laid out in purchasing such as may be wanting, or proper.

liament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, and their Successors, or any Five or more of them, at any Meeting assembled, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to order any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities, to be exchanged for Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities; or to direct any such Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities, to be sold or disposed of, and the Money to arise by such Sale to be laid out in the Purchase of Manuscripts, Books, Medals,

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to the contrary thereof in any
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